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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204, U.S. Capitol
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy,

We write today to strongly urge you to provide much greater funding for New York State, through the State Stabilization Fund, in the next coronavirus legislation. While this next bill, like our previous Phase 3 bill, is an economic stimulus bill, it is at its core a disaster aid bill. New York is the epicenter of that disaster as our state is home to half of the nation's coronavirus cases.

While we appreciate the funding that previous bills included for New York, we know that more funding will be needed. Recognizing the havoc that COVID-19 was wreaking on state budgets, we fought for and won robust funding for the State Stabilization Fund. In the Phase 3 bill, New York State and its localities received \$7.5 billion through the bill's \$150 billion State Stabilization Fund. That money was essential for our constituents to ensure the economy and healthcare system did not collapse under the weight of confronting the COVID-19 pandemic. We cannot ignore however, the incredible strain the pandemic has placed New York's state and local governments.

As we continue to rise to this challenge as one nation, it is important that we do not leave the states in economic ruin. New York needs its fair share in order to continue providing basic services to our constituents, to ensure that it can pay for the overwhelming need for personal protective equipment (PPE) as well as sustain our hospitals, clinics, and other medical facilities. We urge that funding be proportional to the extremely high percentage of cases in New York. We applaud how you worked quickly to pass the first three coronavirus aid bills. We are very grateful for your continued efforts to support our state and our nation. We look forward to working with you to ensure that New York has the resources it needs to get through this crisis and land on its feet.

Sincerely,



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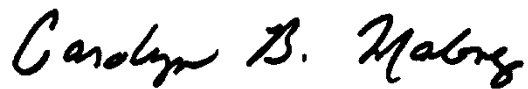
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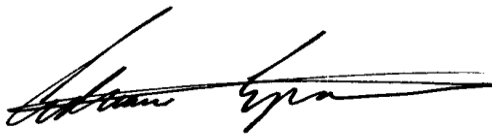
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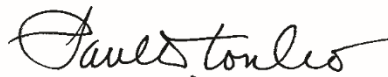
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